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FOLLOWING REPEAT BOGOTA 6518 ACTION SECSTATE JUL 14

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 6518

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY'S ROLE IN CABRANES AFFAIR

1. MAJOR BOGOTA NEWSPAPERS AND TV FEATURED YESTERDAY AND TODAY AN INTERVIEW WHICH MAYOR FERRE OF MIAMI GAVE TO A COLOMBIAN NEWS MAGAZINE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CABRANES AFFAIR. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON THE INTERVIEW AND THE LOCAL COMMENTARIES IT HAS PROVOKED BY SEPTEL. MUCH OF WHAT FERRE SAYS IS BY NOW FAMILIAR FROM HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND LETTERS, WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN PUBLICIZED HERE PREVIOUSLY. THERE IS HOWEVER ONE NEW TWIST IN THE INTERVIEW WHICH IS OF PERSONAL CONCERN TO ME. FERRE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IN THE CABRANES AFFAIR "IT WAS NOT ONLY THE GOC THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE SINCE IT
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APPEARS THAT STATE DEPT OFFICIALS, BEGINNING WITH HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE EMBASSY IN BOGOTA, INTERVENED IN A NEGATIVE WAY AND SIMPLY DID NOT DO ALL THEY COULD HAVE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE CONFLICT."

2. UNTIL NOW WE HAVE BEEN ABLE WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY TO FEND OFF LOCAL PRESS QUERIES PROMPTED BY THE CABRANES AFFAIR , AND

ESPECIALLY BY FERRE'S STATEMENTS. IN MAINTAINING A
SILENT, STONEY ATTITUDE HERE WE HAVE BEEN HELPED CONSIDERABLY BY
THE DEPT'S OWN STATEMENTS IN DEFENSE OF THE HANDLING OF THE
NOMINATION. FERRE'S NEW FOCUSSING OF HIS ATTACKS ON THE EMBASSY,
HOWEVER, MAKES OUR POSITION LESS EASY. WE WOULD AGAIN BE AIDED
SUBSTANTIALLY BY A FURTHER STATEMENT FROM THE DEPT, PARTICULARLY
ONE WHICH RESPONDED TO FERRE'S INSINUATIONS CONCERNING
OUR ACTIONS HERE IN BOGOTA. WE WILL READILY UNDERSTAND
IT HOWEVER IF THE DEPT INSTEAD CONCLUDES THAT, ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LET FERRE'S LATEST STATEMENT
PASS WITHOUT COMMENT. IN SUCH A CASE, THOUGH, I WOULD LIKE
TO BE ASSURED THAT THE DEPT DOES NOT SHARE FERRE'S VIEW OF
THE EMBASSY'S ROLE IN THIS AFFAIR. WHILE WE ALL OF COURSE
HOPE THAT THIS WILL SOON CEASE TO BE A LIVE ISSUE, I DO NOT
YET SEE ANY CLEAR SIGN THAT MAYOR FERRE IS PREPARED TO DROP THE
MATTER. INDEED WE HAVE RECEIVED PRESS REPORTS HERE OF A POSSIBLE
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES,
I CANNOT SIMPLY BRUSH OFF FERRE'S LATEST JAB.
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